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OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER BEGINS STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF CJLEADS

*New Database That Helps Catch Criminals Now Rolling Out to Durham, Orange, Alamance
and Chatham Counties*

HILLSBOROUGH -- State Controller David McCoy today began the statewide expansion of the CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) program with a regional kick-off meeting for criminal justice professionals in Durham, Orange, Alamance and Chatham counties. Joining Controller McCoy at the event were area legislators as well as criminal justice professionals (law enforcement officers, district attorneys, judges, magistrates and clerks) in the respective counties.

“The tragic murders of Eve Carson and Abhijit Mahato highlighted the need to have ready access to as much information about offenders as possible in one place so criminal justice professionals can better protect the public,” said State Controller David McCoy. “A positive outcome to these tragic events is that this new state-of-the-art database called CJLEADS will make sure offenders won’t fall through the cracks so easily and may one day help prevent similar senseless murders. It is only fitting and proper that we begin the statewide expansion of CJLEADS in the counties Eve Carson and Abhijit Mahato called home for a while.”

CJLEADS integrates data found within the state’s various criminal justice applications and provides up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an “offender watch” capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status. CJLEADS replaces the manual process of looking up historical criminal data from multiple systems, reduces the risk of overlooking critical data and improves the information needs of law enforcement agencies.

At the kick-off meeting, OSC provided a demonstration of CJLEADS and coordinated training schedules with the local criminal justice organizations. Criminal justice professionals can begin to use CJLEADS after completing the training classes that will start in January, 2011. OSC will continue expanding CJLEADS throughout the State during the next 18 months.

Session Law 2008-107, House Bill 2436 recognized the urgent need for state-of-the-art integrated criminal justice information and authorized the OSC to begin work on the project.

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. As of today, over 1900 users, comprising criminal justice organizations with an operational presence in Wake County, are established in CJLEADS and are training or currently using the application.

Several agencies that are part of the Wake County pilot project already have shared results of having access to CJLEADS:

Wake County ABC Law Enforcement, Chief Lew Nuckles

Wake County ABC Law Enforcement investigated a reported larceny. Security video captured images of the suspect but the suspect was unidentified. Subsequently, the suspect made a purchase using another person's credit card. While searching for associates of the credit card owner in CJLEADS, the CJLEADS application provided a photo image that was an exact match with the suspect in the video. The photo and information allowed law enforcement to make a positive identification, obtain an accurate address, draw a warrant, make the arrest, and close the case.

North Carolina Department of Insurance, Criminal Investigations Division, Mickey Biggs, Investigator

During an initial meeting and CJLEADS demonstration with Department of Insurance, investigators requested information about a fugitive they had been trying to arrest for a month and a half. The department had planned to conduct surveillance to apprehend the individual. Using the information from CJLEADS, they determined that the individual was scheduled to appear in New Hanover County court on a traffic charge. When the fugitive was called for court, investigators were present and took the individual into custody. The lead uncovered in CJLEADS saved three to four investigators several hours of surveillance and resulted in the arrest of a fugitive.

Holly Springs Police Department, Lieutenant Mike Patterson

A Holly Springs Police Officer who had recently completed CJLEADS training stopped to assist another officer during a traffic stop. While questioning one of the individuals in the vehicle, the officer determined that the person had provided a fictitious name. The alias was searched in CJLEADS and the officer found that the individual had outstanding warrants. After confirming the warrants, the person was arrested. The officer proceeded to check the vehicle's remaining occupants in CJLEADS and found that three of the four individuals had outstanding warrants. All were arrested after the warrants were confirmed.

North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles License and Theft Bureau, Stephen Lamm, Inspector

On August 20, 2010, at approximately 3:30 pm, an individual upset about circumstances resulting from a driver's license problem became irate and communicated a bomb threat to the Bladen County DMV Call Center. License and Theft Bureau Inspectors, using CJLEADS as a resource, were able to find historical address information that allowed them to locate the individual and obtain arrest warrants. Working with several other local law enforcement agencies, License and Theft Inspectors arrested the suspect at 7:30 pm that evening.

These testimonials and additional information about CJLEADS can be found on our website

<http://www.cjleads.nc.gov>. For an online demonstration of CJLEADS please go to:

http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads_Demo_rev02.swf.

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